



**St. Monica Elementary School
Governing Board – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 - 7:00 PM – virtual meeting**

ATTENDANCE: Tanya MacDonald, Silvana Crigna, Gisele Alleyne, Jesse Corbeil, Tracy Davey, Cynthia Di Renzo, Jasmine Guillaume, Joanne Hall, Leighton Jacobs, Nadine Joy (joined 19h30), Shanna Kousaie, Joseph Lalla, Robin Schulz-Peissel, Deema Qasrawi, Jennifer Young,

1. Opening Remarks

Tanya MacDonald called the meeting to order at 19h04

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Jesse Corbeil

Seconded by Deema Qasrawi

Unanimous approval

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Moved by Gisele

Seconded by Jennifer Young

Unanimous approval

4. Business arising from the minutes

no business arising from the minutes

5. Reports

5.1 Principal's report

Silvana Crigna:

- Virtual Learning: sessions were successful, reminder that presence is mandatory and attendance will be taken at the beginning of the class.

- Return to school is going well. additional safety measures and requirements for face coverings are put in place with the exception of pre-k and kindergarten: Grade 1 to 4: face covering is mandatory during transition inside building; Grade 5-6 face covering is mandatory during transition and class; staggered recess is kept in place. Since face coverings are permitted for elementary schools, no procedure mask are provided by government.
- Mandatory attendance is expected during the pandemic. The only other options are home schooling or EMSB virtual schooling provided a medical note is presented to the board for approval of exemption.
- Teacher will provide work only if a child is sick or if Santé Publique orders confinement while awaiting test results
- Report cards: report cards will not be extended and will be ready by January 22nd and accessible through Mosaic
- Air purifiers are being installed. 27 units have been confirmed
- New bathroom is open and being used by students
- Electrical panel was upgraded during the December break
- Budget spending: Request for tutors was made for the remainder of the year, improvement for the playground, materials and supplies for physical education and pre-k class, new budget received towards supporting students, breakfast program cannot be held so it will be replaced by snack program to compliment milk distribution.

Tanya Macdonald: Can parents provide procedural mask?

Silvana Crigna: they can wear it if parents wants to provide a procedure mask

5.2 Commissioner's report

Joseph Lalla:

- Official elections were held on November 1st. Joseph Lalla was acclaimed for 3rd term for NDG and Montreal West.
- On November 11th trusteeship expired and the first commissioner's meeting took place
- Judicial cases still in place - Bill 21 case was heard in November. Bill 40 case injunction was granted so bill 40 does not apply to English School boards Court case bill 40 will begin in April.
- November 30th - air purifier acquirement was discussed and approved: 800 for 30 schools for 2 million provided by the school board as government does not subsidize it.
- Interim Director General appointed as Russel Copeman,
- EMSB had the highest success rate out of all public school boards in the province
- December 16th motion introduced by Mr Lalla unanimously supporting webcasting special meetings. Public will be able to see special meetings.

5.3 Regional delegate's report

Tanya MacDonald: no meeting since last governing board meeting, the next meeting is fixed for January 14th 2021

5.4 Teacher's report

Leighton Jacobs: nothing new to report since activities are still on hold because of the pandemic situation

Cynthia Di Renzo: pre-k are thriving on virtual session although they prefer in class learning

5.5 Daycare report

Gisele Alleyne: emergency daycare was slow

5.6 PPO and grad committee report

Jennifer Young: Graduation committee met on January 4th to talk about fundraising and one activity was chosen:

- Zumba dance party invitation letters will be sent to all St-Monica family by January 21st 2021 and will be held on February 12th 2021
- Zumba dance party: Zumba instructor and DJ will be donating their time

Fundraiser for graduation

Moved by Jesse Corbeil

Seconded by Jennifer Young

Tanya MacDonald Abstained

Approved

PPO is seeking approval for online Fundscrip campaign

Silvana Crigna: proposition is in the hands of the auditors and we are waiting for approval

Move for approval of the online Fundscrip campaign pending approval of the Finance Department

Moved by Deema Qasrawi

Seconded by Jennifer

Unanimously approved

5.7 Treasurer's report

Jesse Corbeil: no expenditure reported

5.8 Community Representative Report

Nadine Joy Collins: Seniors "seasons greeting" cards were well appreciated and mentioned on the Facebook page to thank EMSB and St-Monica. Food depot is open for pickup of goods. St-Raymond Centre is closed but online programming is maintained, especially for French support

Silvana Crigna: we are grateful for Nadine collaboration support and help in the Community.

6. Public question period

No public present in the virtual session

No question

7. New Business

7.1 Budget building process

Review of the budget building process 2021-2022

The Central Management Advisory Committee (CMAC /RAC) in which school administrators serve, asks the Governing Board to identify the services needed by the school, budget priority for the school and make recommendations, we are in the consultation period.

Parameters established and recommendations for each and every school must be outlined in order to be put forward and assure that the schools operate within the budget while meeting the needs of the school.

Discussion Budget Priorities

Silvana Crigna: Increase the Special Education Attendants and technicians (A & T) allocation, include all difficulty codes in the allocation formula. As comments, we should mention that the rollovers would allow to build a program. More opportunity for budget rollovers to occur to allow schools a chance to accumulate funds for programs; keeping staff assistance with minimum 50% release if no vice-principal.

Leighton Jacobs: Gym upgrade

Joseph Lalla: agrees with Silvana Crigna

Silvana Crigna: Building , gym upgrade and repairs, replacement of ceiling tiles in the corridor, new bathroom for junior side, junior yard ground improvement,

Jesse Corbeil: lockers issues last year should be reconsidered

Silvana Crigna: it can be added to the list

Cynthia Di Renzo: lockers do need an improvement: rust, no lock, jagged, but junior bathroom and gym should be priorities, should be adapted to the children using the facilities (age\height appropriate)

Leighton Jacobs: gym should include a new floor

Silvana Crigna: yes including stage area doors to divide the gym

Tanya MacDonald: building improvement allocation, documentation technicians, will be on the list, attendant and technicians allocation gym upgrade ceiling tiles in the corridors, junior side bathrooms, junior yard ground improvement, lockers will be put aside for now

Documentation Technicians: put the waiting under budget priorities instead of guided principal, Secretary and Vice Principal allocation will be put instead on the budget priorities.

20h50

Motion to extend the meetings by 15 minutes

Moved by Jesse Corbeil

Seconded by Robin Shulz-Peissel

Unanimously approved

GuidingPrinciples:

1. All school budget should be rolled over to have enough funds accumulated for a school project or improvement
2. If no vice principal allocated, minimum of 50% release to fill a position of a staff assistant (staff assistance minimum of 50% release if no vice-principal at the school)

Budget building process Adoption

Moved by Jesse Corbeil

Seconded by Jennifer

Unanimously approved

7.2 Governing Board Budget allocation (tabled from November)

because of the pandemic, it will be tabled until February

Moved by Jesse Corbeil

Seconded by Leighton Jacobs

Unanimously approved

7.3 Varia

None.

8. Date of next meeting

February 9 2021 19h00

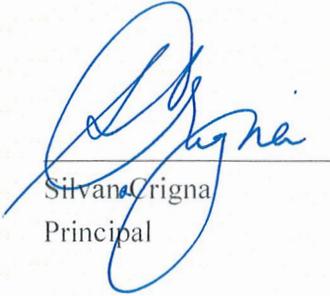
9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Robin Shulz-Peissel

Seconded by Cynthia Di Renzo

end of meeting 21h



Silvana Crigna
Principal



Tanya MacDonald
Chairperson